



Georgia Board for Physician Workforce

State of Georgia

GEORGIA BOARD FOR PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Saturday, January 27, 2007
9:25 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.**

**Atlanta Medical Center
Atlanta, GA**

Board Members Present:

Ralph Austin, M.D., Chairman
Joe Sam Robinson, Jr., Vice Chair
James R. Lowry, Secretary/Treasurer
J. Daniel Hanks, Jr., M.D.
Jacinto del Mazo, M.D.
Edward Conner, M.D.
E. Chandler McDavid, M.D.
D. Wayne Martin, MBA
Julia H. Jones
Brian K. Burdette
Reuben S. Roberts, Jr., M.D.

Board Members Absent:

Thomas L. Hatchett, Jr., M.D.
Robert Copeland, M.D.
Gilbert S. Klemann, M.D.

Staff Present:

Benjamin Robinson, Cherri Tucker, Olive Jones-Golden
Kim Jackson, Colette Caldwell

Guests Present :

Frances Dunston, M.D., Morehouse School of Medicine;
Dee Hanson, Mercer University School of Medicine; Frank
R. Don Diego, M.D., Atlanta Medical Center; James
Zaidan, M.D., Emory University School of Medicine;
Julie Kerlin, Medical College of Georgia; Betsy Bates,
Morehouse School of Medicine; Linda Womack, Emory
University; Robert Hash, M.D., Mercer University; Jalal
Zuberi, M.D., Morehouse School of Medicine; Walter J.
Moore, M.D., Medical College of Georgia; Dan
Blumenthal, M.D., Morehouse School of Medicine; G.E.
Alan Dever, M.D., Atlanta Medical Center; Roberta
Weintraut, M.D., Mercer University school of Medicine

Call To Order

Chairman Austin called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / ACTION / NEXT STEPS
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION FROM THE CHAIRMAN	Dr. Austin welcomed the members of the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce and guests to the meeting and requested everyone introduce themselves.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	On Motion (Lowry/Hanks) , the minutes of the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce meeting held November 4, 2006 were unanimously approved.
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT	<p><u>DISCUSSION</u></p> <p>Dr. Austin informed the Board of Dr. David A. Rearick's resignation from the Board. He recommended adding Dr. Rearick's name to the Senate resolution recognizing former Board Members for their years of dedicated service to the Board.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u></p> <p>On Motion (Roberts/Lowry), the Board voted unanimously to add Dr. Rearick's name to the resolution.</p>
OPEN MEETING LAW	<p><u>DISCUSSION</u></p> <p>Dr. Austin called on Mr. Robinson to explain the Open Meeting Law of the State of Georgia. Mr. Robinson informed the Board a copy of the law was in their packet and they needed to become familiar with the law.</p>
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES	<p><u>DISCUSSION</u></p> <p>Dr. Austin also informed the Board a copy of the Administrative Rules of the Board is included in the packet. He referenced the rule on meeting attendance stating if any member is absent, unexcused, from three (3) meetings, the Chairman shall notify the Governor and the seat shall be declared vacant.</p> <p>Dr. Austin discussed priority of funding and bolstering salaries of staff because the Board doesn't want to lose staff. He charged the Budget and Contracts Committee to review salaries and determine how to proceed with the review of staff salaries.</p>

No action taken.

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DR. DEVER'S 15 RECOMMENDATIONS	<p>Dr. Austin addressed Dr. Dever's 15 recommendations stating that after discussion, four (4) of the recommendations were continuation items and would not need to be ranked. Staff distributed a list of the remaining recommendations to the Board to rank in order of priority. Results will be tallied by staff after the Board meeting and will be brought back to the Board for action at the meeting in April.</p> <p>Dr. Austin informed the Board, as requested at the November Meeting, a copy of the 1998 Physician Profile was in their packet to differentiate the “data” document produced in years past from the “policy” document now being produced. Dr. Austin reiterated to the Board the Workforce Committee’s recommendation to produce both a data document and policy document.</p>
COMMITTEE REPORTS	
BUDGET AND CONTRACT COMMITTEE	<p><u>DISCUSSION</u></p> <p>Dr. Austin asked Mr. Lowry to report on the Budget Committee Conference call meeting held on January 11, 2007.</p> <p>Mr. Lowry gave an overview of the meeting and brought two recommendations to the Board for review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) trying to determine the appropriate avenues to secure for the Board or a parallel agency to this Board; andb) requesting staff to look into ways to obtain new funding. <p><u>ACTION</u></p> <p>On Motion (Lowry/Robinson), the Board approved the recommendation of the Budget and Contracts Committee to have staff contact the Attorney General’s Office regarding the feasibility of creating a foundation or other entity to accept funding outside of state funds for the sole purpose of conducting research.</p>

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***OVERVIEW OF
DELIVERABLES***

Mr. Lowry informed the Board the Budget and Contracts Committee discussed a review of deliverables related to the Emory Medical Student Capitation Contract and the Grady Residency Capitation Contract. He stated when the deliverables were set for these two contracts, the Board noted the deliverables would need to be revisited at a later date.

ACTION

On **Motion (Lowry/Roberts)**, the Board approved the recommendation of the Budget and Contracts Committee to draft a letter to Emory regarding the deliverables in the Medical Student Capitation Contract and to Grady regarding the Residency Capitation Contract.

ACTION

On **Motion (Lowry/Roberts)**, the Board approved the recommendation of the Budget and Contracts Committee to request the name of the medical school and home town/state of the Emory and Morehouse residents in training at Grady.

MEAC

Discussion

Dr. Don Diego reported on the MEAC Conference call meeting held on December 8, 2006. He gave an overview of the discussion from the Committee on Contract Reports not being a problem for Undergraduate Medical Education. He continued by stating there are issues related to the Graduate Medical Education Reports including the USMLE Step 3 passage rates and Specialty Board passage rates. Some of the issues relate to how IMGs have different licensure requirements.

Dr. Don Diego informed the Board the MEAC discussed the Geriatric Curriculum Proposal that the MEAC Committee prepared by in 2001 for the Board's

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consideration. The MEAC committee agreed there is no need to move the proposal forward and will work with staff to get certain website links out to appropriate individuals.

No action needed

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Austin opened the discussion on the concerns of MEAC regarding the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine Georgia Campus. Some members suggested that PCOM should be invited to participate on the MEAC Committee because the students enrolled at the school start clerkships next year. Other members of the MEAC committee are concerned with having an institution represented that does not receive funding through the GBPW.

Dr. Rob Hash wanted to know what should MEAC be concerned with, where does priority lie and who should be on the committee because MEAC is getting into grey areas and needs the Board to give the Committee some guidance.

Dr. Austin suggested, because PCOM does not receive funding from the GBPW, the Board should wait until they receive funding through the agency to request a school representative be appointed to participate in MEAC.

Dr. Don Diego added there is an additional need for clerkship sites. MEAC is concerned because GME programs cannot take in all of the Medical students.

Dr. Moore stated students from Caribbean schools also coming to Georgia for clerkships decreases the available clerkships for Georgia students.

Dr. Hanks noted the medical schools state they are increasing enrollment by 15%. He continued by stating a meeting was held at Grady to help inform legislative members of the problem in the future with GME positions and that there are conversations with other hospitals about opening up residency programs.

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Dr. Diego added the number of Residency positions available for funding through CMS was capped in 1997 and current programs cannot increase.

Dr. Hanks expressed concerns as to how Georgia will keep doctors here, if Medical Schools and Residency Programs are not supported.

Dr. Austin suggested talking with PCOM to see how they are going to promote residency training to the students.

Dr. Roberts recommended starting a Residency Program in Valdosta or elsewhere that would train Primary Care doctors to practice in those areas.

Dr. Don Diego stated the majority of Medicaid seen in Georgia is seen at Residency Programs.

Dr. Austin said Georgia Board needs the support of the Legislature on GME funding.

OLD BUSINESS***STRATEGIC PLAN:***

Dr. Austin informed the Board the Executive Committee met in early January to discuss the Goals and Objectives it was assigned from August Retreat

- Goal 1 – Objective 3 pertaining to mid-level practitioners; and
- Goal 3 – Objective 1 pertaining to medical education in Georgia.

Dr. Austin stated the Committee wants to get a grasp on what is currently being done in Georgia to determine how many mid-levels are actually practicing and where they are practicing before it makes a recommendation for the strategic plan. He stated staff would set up a meeting with Dr. Rahn at MCG for Dr. Austin, Dr. Hanks and Mr. Robinson to discuss the mid-level practitioner issues.

Dr. Roberts informed the Board the Ad-Hoc Committee met on 2 different occasions to discuss its charge related to developing a goal for rural healthcare for the strategic plan.

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On **Motion (Roberts/Hanks)**, the Board approved the recommended language for Goal #7 and the associated Objectives provided by the Ad-Hoc Committee. It instructed the Committee to proceed with working with staff on the rural health goal and objectives they developed.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

Mr. Robinson reported on the following items:

- Senate Resolution 28 to recognize Dr. Andrew P. Morley, Jr., M.D. for his outstanding public service and for other purposes.
- Senate Resolution 242 to recognize Dr. Martin Moran, Dr. Vickie Williams Morgan, Dr. David Rearick and Dr. Bobby Sasser for their outstanding service to the Board and for other purposes.
- Mrs. Tucker and Ms. McNamara were commended for preparing a large amount of data for OPB which helped to resolve the initial concern with Grady and Morehouse.
- CMS – New rules have been issued for public review related to Inter-Governmental transfers for the Upper Payment Limit which affects the matching funding for certain GBPW contracts.
- Mercer is looking to expand with a full campus in Savannah.
- MCG & UGA partnership in Athens for a MCG medical school campus. The Governor put \$3.8M in the budget for the expansion.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Senate Resolution 66 – sponsored by Senator Cecil Station forms a Senate Study Committee on the Shortage of Doctors and Nurses in Georgia.- Funding issues with Medical Education/Grady and Morehouse. COO Jim Lentz has agreed to meet with Morehouse, Grady and Emory to continue to work on the issues.- The House and Senate Health and Human Services Committees met at Grady to discuss Medical Education.- Mr. Robinson commended Kelly McNamara for her work on the fact sheet related to trauma care in Georgia.
NEXT MEETING	Dr. Austin announced the next Board meeting will take place April 28, 2007.
ADJOURNMENT	<p><u>ACTION</u> On Motion (Hanks/Lowry), the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:00 am.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

James Lowry
Secretary/Treasurer